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A Look at Media Bias

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Poll: 3 in 4 Americans Believe Media Reports “Fake News”

A Monmouth University poll found that **77% of Americans believe that major news sources like TV and newspapers report “fake news” stories.** This number has increased significantly from 63% of Americans a year ago. Only 21% said the media did not report fake news, down from 32% a year ago.

95% of Univision’s ‘Fact Checks’ Target Trump, GOP

From Newsbusters...

“Between Inauguration Day 2017 and April 6, 2018, President Trump, along with members of his administration and Republicans in Congress, have been the subjects of 59 of 62 (or 95%) of the analytical posts featured on Univision’s online fact-checking platform.”

Poll: Just 10% Say TV Characters Represent Conservatives

Respondents were asked in a Morning Consult poll what perspectives characters on television shows tend to represent. Only 10% said a more conservative perspective while **over four times that (41%) said a more liberal perspective.**

Nets Ignore GOP Senators Pressing Facebook on Bias

From Newsbusters...

“The political highlight Tuesday was the joint hearing of the Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committees where Senators grilled Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg about his company’s conduct for hours. Of course, a focus for three major liberal news networks (ABC, CBS, and NBC) was the probing questions regarding the information allegedly used in the 2016 election. But **they ignored questions by Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Ben Sasse (R-NE) regarding liberal bias and censorship of conservatives.**”

Facebook Suppresses Certain Media Outlets In Your Newsfeed

From The Daily Caller...

Facebook announced it would boost certain “trusted” news outlets and suppress other, less trustworthy sources. A tech website, “The Outline,” found that the algorithm changes have **disproportionately harmed conservative publishers.**

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